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Location

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Military quarters of two, one-story brick buildings, each about 30 meters long.

Installation

Eastern section of the harbor, outside the fence around the harbor area. Occupation

Occupied by Soviet river guard police who wore blue uniforms with white collars, an undershirt with blue and white stripes, and a cap with the inscription Dunayskiy Flot on its ribbon. From 16 to 18 armored motorboats used to be anchored in front of the quarters.

Soviet troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets with a number of the 300 series were observed in the streets of Izmail. In addition, there were naval personnel, other than those of the river police detachment, who wore cap ribbons with the inscription Ministerstvo Morskogo Flota! Furthermore, some MVD border guard personnel wearing green service color and visor-type caps with green bands were seen in the harbor area. They

City area.

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Odessa (N46-29, E30-44). March to April

To mid-1949.



Troop units.

AAA battery.

AA gun emplacement.

Northern exit of the city, on the sea shore, north of the oil harbor, and near a stadium.

Northern exit of

the city, north of the harbor area.

The southern sector of the city, on a prominent

hill, about 800 meters southwest of the main railroad station.

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inspected ships at night, together with members of the river police detachment.

An infantry unit of about two companies (consisting of soldiers who wore red epaulets with No 377) was seen leaving the city northward for field exercises in April 1949. On another day, a tank unit with 25 to 30 tanks, including about ten T-34s, was observed at the same place.

Six AA guns of about 80 mm and four guns of about 20 mm were emplaced in wellcamouflaged positions. The positions were permanently occupied, and the gun crews were quartered in wooden sheds north of the emplacements.

Improved positions for an AA battery which were occupied by heavy AA guns on important holidays.

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Prior to February 1949.



Ammunition depot consisting of a horseshoeshaped, three-story building, about 100 meters long. In the western sector of the city.

Branch depot consisting of two, semi-underground, brick buildings, eight meters wide was constructed in early 1949, and was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

On the foot of Zhukov Hill, west of the freight yard, about 100 meters north of the railroad line to Nikolayev and about 500 meters northeast of a transmitting station. Referred to as Depot (Sklad) 25 and operated by about ten MVD officers, 30 soldiers, and 30 Soviet laborers. The depot contained stocks of AT artillery and infantry ammunition, hand grenades, mines, rifles, pistols, and light and heavy machine guns. Incoming shipments arrived from the freight yard by truck.

The entire stock of mines from Sklad 25 was shifted to the branch depot at the end of February 1949. Rifle ammunition was stored in the smaller of the two depot buildings.